

Minutes of the Hofstra Student Government Association
January, 30 2007
Green House, Student Center

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING #16

I. The meeting is called to order at 6:04 PM by Vice President R. Akiyama

II. Quorum Call

- A. There is quorum.
- B. Absent
 - 1. Christina Martin
 - 2. Maria Ramos
 - 3. Lydia Pleiman
 - 4. Lamar K. Cheston
 - 5. Nathan Yadgar
 - 6. Sean Hutchinson
 - 7. Hawa Weheli
 - 8. Jason Emerson

III. Passing General Senate Meeting Minutes and Cabinet Minutes

- A. General Senate Minutes for December 5, 2006
 - 1. Senator M. Brandt moves to pass the General Senate minutes for December 5, 2006; it is seconded and the minutes are passed.
 - 2. Senate moves into Executive Session at 6:10 PM to pass the Executive Session Minutes for December 5, 2006.
 - 3. Senate leaves Executive Session at 6:15 PM.
- B. Cabinet Minutes for December 8, 2006
 - 1. Senator S. Smallberg moves to pass the Cabinet minutes for December 8, 2006; it is seconded and the minutes are passed.
- C. Cabinet Minutes for January 29, 2007
 - 1. Senator M. Brandt moves to pass the Cabinet minutes for January 29, 2007; it is seconded and the minutes are passed.

IV. On-Leave Senators

- A. Rules Chair L. Giunta moves to make those senators that are on-leave and present at today's meeting active members again; it is seconded.
 - 1. OCS Rep. P. McDonald asks for their to be a separate vote for each senator; Vice President R. Akiyama agrees to vote on each senator separately.
 - 2. Senator K. Hunker speaks on behalf of herself.
 - 3. A vote commences by a show of hands; Senator K. Hunker is voted back into Senate as an active member.
 - 4. Senator L. Ross speaks on behalf of herself.
 - 5. A vote commences by a show of hands; Senator L. Ross is voted back into Senate as an active member.

V. Reports of the Executive Board

- A. President P. DiSilvio
 - 1. Cabinet will meet after today's Senate meeting to pick a new Cabinet time.
 - 2. Will be hosting a meeting with several high school student councils; Comptroller K. Tompkins and Vice President R. Akiyama will be attending the meeting.
 - 3. Will be setting the agenda for Club Congress with Vice President R. Akiyama and with the help of Club Affairs.

4. Working with Vice President Johnson to have Dutch Debits available off-campus by the end of the year.
5. Carnival
 - a. Meeting with Entertainment Unlimited and Hofstra Concerts; Entertainment Unlimited will be providing food while Concerts will be getting three big-name headliners for the day.
 - b. Student Government will be getting rides.
 - c. All clubs will be invited to have games.
 - d. Will be held the week of April 27, particularly that weekend.
 - e. Vice President Johnson, the Board of Trustees, and President Rabinowitz are all on board for the Carnival.
6. Next Wednesday, Student Activities will be holding a fair in the Student Center to talk to new students.
7. Asks all those who do not have cardswipe-access to the office to let him know.
8. Former Justices S. Harris and J. Levy are now gone; will be conducting an interview process to fill these two new seats.

B. Vice President R. Akiyama

1. Thanks Senator J. Berry for helping with the SGA binders; they will be ready by February 3, 2007 and given out at the next Senate meeting.
2. With the help of Senator J. Berry, will be making a Senate Contact List that will be available for all senators.
3. States that they will be looking for help with the Carnival for those who are interested.
4. Working on the Green Campaign
5. Blue and Gold is temporarily on hold due to internal matters within OSA; met with Vice President Johnson about the Blue and Gold program, as well as discussed building Campus Tradition and Identity.

C. Comptroller K. Tompkins

1. Organizing the IRC to restart HOLA's budget.
2. Only has one more spot left to fill on the IRC board.
3. Those clubs who need more money should contact Appropriations; those clubs who need to access their budget money should contact Comptroller K. Tompkins and OSA.

D. Secretary L. Giunta

1. Learned how to use the copy machine to make the pages and dates on the copies thanks to Justice M. Bisanz.
2. Will be trying to decorate the office monthly according to holiday; this month SGA will be decorating the office for Valentine's Day.
3. Will be trying to get together a Playstation tournament.
4. Will be ordering supplies by the end of the week.

VI. Reports of the Committees

A. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel

1. Working on the Day of Dialogue with Professor Bogart.
2. Working on a Test Drive to be ready before midterms.
3. Will be working on a Great Debate for April.
4. Academic Affairs meetings will be held starting next week on Mondays at 7:00 PM.

B. Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez

1. Thanks Appropriations Committee for their hard work last semester.
2. Have \$30,000 for this semester.
3. Will be holding an open meeting for all senators once a month.
4. Appropriations Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in room 218 starting next week.
5. President P. DiSilvio notes that the Board of Trustees were very impressed with Appropriations Chair A. Sanchez when she attended the last Board of Trustees meeting.

C. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier

1. Will be working on getting the coffeemaker operational.

2. Working on reforming how clubs access their budgets.
 3. Working on reforming the party date procedure.
 4. Working on getting on clubs that have office space cardswipe access to their offices.
 5. Asks Club Affairs to meet after today's Senate meeting is adjourned.
- D. Public Relations Chair S. Kaplan
1. Working on the SGA Formal.
 - a. Tentatively books at the Fox Hollows in Syosset.
 - b. Asks Senators to vote on whether they want it to be held on Thursday, May 10 or Wednesday, May 9.
 - c. It will be held in the late evening.
 - d. Will be trying to have a picture collage to show during the formal; asks senators to bring in pictures from the past year.
- E. Rules Chair L. Giunta
1. Received only 31 responses for the OSA and SGA survey; will send the results that have already been compiled to Vice President S. Johnson.
 2. The election commission will be meeting next week; need to replace one member that will not be here this semester. A revised list will be ready by next week.
 3. Rules will be meeting on Mondays at 6:30 PM in room 143 starting next week; the sign up rules will be up tomorrow, sometime during common hour.
 4. Those interested in the Rules committee, please meet with Rules Chair L. Giunta.
- F. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis
1. Next week the winners of the Survivor game from last semester will be announced.
 2. The new Survivor game starts today.
 3. There is a basketball game tomorrow at 7:00 PM and another game on Saturday.
 4. The Spirit Committee will be meeting on Thursday night at 8:00 to talk about the Basketball Tournament; will only be a fifteen minute meeting.
 5. All for decorating the office.
 6. Anyone interested in attending the Basketball Tournament, please email hofstraspirt@yahoo.com.
- G. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz
1. Will be doing an entire week of Change Hofstra; asks senators to sign-up to sit at the table in the Student Center.
 2. Working on Diversity Day; it will be held in mid to late April.
 3. Will be getting College Bellhop on campus, in which SGA will gain a profit.
 4. Change Hofstra is now on face book.com.
 5. Going to be working on a proposal to get bus transportation for Hofstra students to Target; will be passing it through the University Senate.
 6. The bus schedule is being completely revamped; all changed going into effect now are only tests; Vice President Johnson, Ed Bracht, and the University Senate are working on the full schedule.
 7. To inform students about changes to the bus schedule, SGA will be looking into a Hofcast, sending out a mass email, and the Hofstra portal.
 8. The Student Center Cafeteria is changing; an Ice Cream Shop has opened and the Pasta Bar has become a Japanese Food Bar.
 - a. Will keep in contact with Isa of Lackman for any future changes.
 9. Will be having a meeting this Thursday after the Spirit Committee finishes their meeting.
- VII. New Business
- A. Legislation
1. Fundraising Committee Legislation
 - a. The Senate reads over the proposal to change the SGA Constitution.
 - b. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of the proposal to amend the SGA Constitution; states there are two parts to the proposal, but if only one is passed the SGA Constitution and SGA Policy Series will contradict one another.
 - i. The idea of the committee is to have a focused body dedicated solely to fundraising for Clubs and SGA.

- c. OCS Rep. P. McDonald questions the expediency.
 - i. President P. DiSilvio states that fundraising needs to begin quickly, especially with the upcoming Carnival.
 - ii. Rules Chair L. Giunta adds that it will be easier to have the committee created before senators are given their committee assignments as to avoid shifting members after their committees have already been selected.
- d. A roll call vote commences for the proposal to change the SGA Constitution.
 - i. 34 vote in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstains; the amendment to the SGA Constitution passes.
- e. Rules Chair L. Giunta speaks on behalf of the proposal to amend the SGA policy series.
- f. Amendments made to the proposal.
 - i. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier moves to amend section D.4 of the proposal by making “Club/Organization” plural. It is seconded and the amendment is passed.
 - ii. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier moves to strike H.2 and amend H.1 of the proposal by adding , “The President and/or Treasurer of” between “with” and “all.”
 - iii. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier speaks on behalf of his amendment, which is seconded; there is debate.
 - iv. Senator K. Huncker moves to amend the amendment, as to add “Should an SGA funded organization fail to attend, they will receive an interdisciplinary warning” to section H.1 of the proposal.
 - v. Senator K. Huncker speaks on behalf of her amendment.
 - vi. Senator R. Doublebower speaks against Senator K. Huncker’s amendment and in favor of Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier’s amendment.
 - vii. Rules Chair L. Giunta states that although many clubs do not require funding, they are still obligated to attend certain Appropriations meetings.
 - viii. Diane Perillo speaks in favor of Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier’s amendment.
 - ix. Senator C. Cruz speaks in favor of Senator K. Huncker’s amendment.
 - x. Academic Affairs Chair C. Kayel speaks in favor of Senator K. Huncker’s amendment.
 - xi. Senator K. Huncker speaks for her amendment.
 - xii. Rules Chair L. Giunta states that the meeting with the Fundraising Committee can be part of the mandatory joint Rules and Appropriations meetings that clubs must attend.
- g. OCS Rep. P. McDonald calls to question; it is seconded.
- h. Senator K. Huncker’s motion to amend the amendment is seconded; a vote commences.
 - i. 20 vote in favor, 12 vote against, and 15 abstain; the amendment to the amendment passes.
- i. Club Affairs Chair J. Lanier changes his amendment to read as follows: “Once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester, the Appropriations And Fundraising Committees shall meet with the President and/or Treasure of all SGA clubs and organizations to discuss fundraising opportunities. The President and/or Treasurer of every organization must attend both these meetings unless they submit in writing three (3) business days prior to the meeting valid reason why they cannot or do not want to attend. Should an SGA funded organization fail to attend, they shall receive an interdisciplinary warning.”
 - i. The amendment is seconded and passed.
- j. Senator N. Shokrianpour moves to amend section D.4 of the proposal to be fixed grammatically, pluralizing all necessary words to fit the previous amendment to pluralize “Club/Organization.”
 - i. It is seconded and passed.
- k. 33 vote in favor, 0 vote against, and 1 abstains; the legislation passes.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

- A. Secretary L. Giunta states that senators who wish to participate in the Playstation tournament do not have to be good players.
- B. Senator A. Kowal asks about Dutch Debits; President P. DiSilvio states that no place has been officially picked yet to have Dutch Debits off-campus.
- C. Senator K. Hunker states that Jim's Deli offers a discount for clubs.
- D. Senator K. Hunker states that she will be starting a SGA intramural soccer team; senators do not have to be good players to play.
- E. Justice M. Bisanz states that the Tax Society will be doing taxes for all those senators that are interested; all members have been certified by the IRS.
- F. Senator R. Doublebower states that those who have a withdrawal slip can get a full refund on their books in the Hofstra Bookstore.

IX. Announcements

- A. Ethics and Conduct Chair K. Legnetti states that the Center for Civic Engagement will be sponsoring a Ghandi Exhibit opening on Friday.
- B. Senator J. Berry states that the Hofstra Opera Theater will be putting on The Marriage of Figaro this weekend in the Adams Playhouse.
- C. Spirit Chair S. Rozakis states that the Survivor names are now in everyone's mailboxes.
- D. Senator K. Hunker states that next week she will be setting up a team roster for the intramural soccer team.
- E. Vice President R. Akiyama tells senators to think about their committees, as next week they will be getting official committee assignments.
- F. Vice President R. Akiyama and OCS Rep. P. McDonald will be rewriting SGA's parliamentary procedure; all those interested should contact them.

X. Adjourn

- A. Student Services Chair A. Schwartz moves to adjourn; it is seconded.
- B. Senate is adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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